

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1 - 8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A packaging material comprising

two plies defining between them a cavity, and

a substance, capable of retaining gases in its environment, disposed in the cavity,

~~at least one of the~~ two plies being made of a material permeable to gaseous ethylene and impermeable to water vapor,

the substance having a moisture content not exceeding 2% of its dry weight.

10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The material as claimed in claim 9, wherein the two plies are made of the same material.

12. (previously presented) The material as claimed in claim 9, wherein the substance is bonded to one of the plies.

13. (previously presented) The material as claimed in claim 9, wherein the material of at least one of plies has open pores with electrical polarity.

14. (previously presented) A package having at least one wall made of a material as claimed in claim 9.

15. (previously presented) Packaged vegetable matter, packaged in a package as claimed in claim 14.

16. (currently amended) The packaged vegetable matter as claimed in claim 15, wherein it the packaged vegetable matter is ~~at a certain distance from~~ not in direct contact with the substance of the packaging material.